Spot in Bucks County where body was found

Bucks County man is found shot to death on rural road

A 40-year-old Bucks County man was found shot to death yesterday morning on a rural road north of Quakertown.

State police at the Dublin barracks identified the victim as Thomas Livezey Jr. of New Britain Township. Police said he was a painting contractor and was married, although no specific information was available.

Livezey's body was found about 9 a.m. on Keystone Road, a two-lane macadam road, near its intersection with California Road, about four miles north of Quakertown and about two miles north of Richlandtown in Richland Township.

Police said that "passing motorists" found the body and notified the Dublin barracks. The identities of the motorists were not revealed.

The body was removed to Doylestown Hospital where an autopsy was performed by the Bucks County coroner, Dr. Stanley Goodwin.

Death was attributed to a gunshot wound of the head. Police declined to reveal what type of weapon was used but said no gun was found at the scene.

Details of the crime were not available, but it was "definitely a homicide," according to investigators.

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Ginder spinning about in his grave.

What's happened is that the Borough of Summit Hill, nestled in the semi-coal country of the Panther Valley, has switched from coal heat in its Municipal Building to ... now, guessed it — an oil burner.

And Ginder may be doing those subterranean flip-flops because it was he, nearly 200 years ago, who discovered coal at Sharp Mountain near Summit Hill, and changed the course of Pennsylvania history.

In 1791, Ginder stumbled over a "shiny black rock" that lay in his path near the base of Sharp's Mountain. Ginder's black rock turned out to be anthracite, and Summit Hill turned out to be in the heart of the Pennsylvania hard coal regions.

And the coal regions, for more than 150 years, turned out to be the lifeblood of northeastern Pennsylvania. More hard coal was produced there each year than in any other part of the country.

The coal, a magic source of heat and power, made millionaires of a few men rich. Its mining wore out many men — but everyone, rich and poor, used the hard black coal that burned hotter and cleaner than soft coal.

Ginder was not the first man to discover coal, but his accidental find led to the formation of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. in 1793 — the first of many mines in the area.

"The whole area was one big mine," said one man who was born in the coal regions. At one time, he said, it was possible to walk the five miles from Nesquehoning to Lansford — walking coal.

And at the end of World War II, coal was king.

Then, for a number of reasons, the king was dethroned.

And the event that is probably to be remembered most by the borough fathers of Summit Hill was perhaps the most weighty decision. Years ago the decision might have made the miners rich, but in early October, when Borough Council approved a contract to replace the coal burner in the borough hall basement with an oil furnace, nobody complained.

The vote was unanimous, and everyone knew the burner would have to go a long time before the vote was taken.

The Borough Hall is a structure built in the last century. It stands directly across the street from Ludlow Park, where stands a monument to Ginder and his find.

No one knows how old the coal burner was, but it had been patched, repaired and welded a number of times, said Mrs. Kathleen Lamos, the Borough Council president.

Originally, the burner had been hand-fed. Later (again no one knows just when) an automatic feeder was installed.

This summer the council decided the burner must go. In the past two to three years, coal had jumped from $22 a ton to $48 a ton.

And one estimate to repair one of the two boilers was about $4,000, and without a guarantee of success, she said.

During the winter, the borough also had to have two men tend the fire — one at time and a half on Saturdays, the other at double time on Sundays.

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2 in Hearst case get stay

SCRANTON (AP) — Two men who refused to testify about Patricia Hearst's stay in Pennsylvania in the summer of 1974 have been granted a temporary delay in their contempt sentences.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan granted the delay Friday for Jay Wehner, 28, a Philadelphia freelance sports writer, and Phillip Shinnick, 32, a onetime Olympic long jumper and former faculty member at Rutgers University's Livingston, N.J., campus.

Wehner and Shinnick were to report to the U.S. marshal Monday to begin serving 18 months in jail for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury in Harrisburg.

U.S. District Court Judge William Nealon on Tuesday upheld contempt citations issued against the pair for failing to cooperate with a grand jury.

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